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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1901.

The Tallahassee Capital has resumed its daily visits, and is a spicy, interesting little sheet. But then how could it be otherwise with Russ doing the heavy editorial work.

The people of Florida do not seem to be falling over themselves in their hurry to raise funds with which to purchase a silver service for the monitor "Florida" recently launched.

The failure of Woods & Mahone, cotton factors, of Savannah, last week hit some of the merchants of our State pretty hard. It is said that Tallahassee merchants are the heaviest losers.

Really, Pensacola is a most ambitious city. Already two candidates from that city have announced for Congress and now it is said that El. O'Brien will shy his castor into the ring, also.

Away up in Maine fifty-two employees of the Logan Iron and Steel Company quit work because a negro was appointed foreman over them. Other negroes were brought in to work but the mill men refused to work the iron handled by them. And Maine is not a Southern state, either.

Booker Washington, though the honored guest of the President of the United States at a dinner recently, was refused accommodation by the hotels of Springfield, Massachusetts, a few days ago because he is a negro. The "race problem" is gradually being transferred to more northern climes.

It is a curious fact that two of what may be called the greatest gun inventors of England of the time are American born men. As is well known the country of Uncle Sam claims Sir Henry Maxim as its own, while the other celebrity who was born under the Stars and Stripes is called Richard J. Gatling, who completed his eighty-third year recently. It is hardly necessary to say that the veteran is the inventor of the famous Gatling machine, which has been computed to have killed a quarter of a million men since 1862.

One of the first bills introduced at the present session of Congress was that of Representative Henry, of Texas, the effect of which is to make it mandatory of a governor of a State to restore fugitives upon the requisition of the executive of another State. Taking the case of ex-Governor Taylor, of Kentucky, who fled in the State of Indiana and who was protected by two successive governors of that State from a requisition of the governor of Kentucky charging Taylor with complicity in the murder of Governor Goebel, as a text, we think a federal law of the kind is necessary.

### ABOUT COTTON FACTORIES.

"The Lord helps him who helps himself" is a proverb as old as Holy Writ and is as true to day as it was when written by the inspired scribe. It is not our intention to preach a sermon or deliver a discourse, but we will try in a feeble way to show wherein the citizens—the monied citizens—of Madison are standing in their own light and at the same time hindering the proper advancement of the community.

It is a well known fact that a vast amount of the finest Sea Island cotton is raised each year within the borders of our county. It is also a fact that in the counties contiguous to us on the South and East quantities of the staple is yearly shipped to other markets and eventually finds its way to the spinners and cotton factories of northern and other States. The spinners of the North are beginning to realize that with factories in the South—the producing section—the raw product can be more easily obtained and manufactured with less expense. In recent years many of our Southern States have become the locations for large and expensive manufactories, and the towns which have been so favored are reaping the benefits which accrue from the increased population, taxable values and other incidentals.

Our town at present affords one of the highest markets for Sea Island cotton in the country. We have, perhaps, the most extensive ginnery for that staple in the world, and smaller establishments which add their quota to the general prosperity. But these ginneries do nothing more than prepare the staple for the manufactories where it is woven into cloth and spun into thread. How much better it would be if after the work of preparation is accomplished, the staple could be immediately turned over for manufacture to some manufacturers.

Other towns are reaching out for such manufactories, why not Madison? Surely nothing in the catalogue of enterprises would add more to the development and prosperity of the town.

The thing most needed is, of course, capital, Madison, so far as we are informed, is devoid of millionaires, but there is sufficient capital here to start such an enterprise if intelligently handled. The first step would be to enlist the interest of some person of experience in such matters. Then form a stock company for the building and

equipping of a factory. stock would be soon taken up if not by home people, then by foreign capitalists who are always looking for an opportunity to invest their surplus and are quick to come in where they are satisfied business is meant.

We are honest in the belief that Madison can secure a cotton factory if it is really wanted. Think about it, citizens.

### WORTH IMITATING.

The benefits of organization for a specific purpose has seldom been more forcibly exemplified and more profitably employed than in the case of the Cotton Growers' Association of Alachua county. This association, composed of the farmers and cotton growers of that county, organized for the purpose of holding their cotton until such time as they could receive a stated sum per pound for the product of their labors. They demanded twenty cents per pound and a day or two ago they received one cent per pound more than they demanded, or twenty-one cents per pound for the entire output of their several farms.

We would suggest that the farmers in other counties than Alachua might do well by emulating the example set before them.

### THE NEWSPAPER.

This is the way the New York Post puts it. Of course it refers to newspapers of the New Enterprise variety:

"The newspaper to-day is the greatest factor in civilization. Take away the newspaper and you take away the greatest preacher, teacher, assistant to justice, deterrer of criminals, reformer of public and private life patriot, statesman, that it has been possible for the wit of man to devise. No other institution is, in anything like the same measure, such a dispenser of sweetness and light and upholder of the hands of justice. No other institution is, in anything like the same degree, such a help to good men, such a hindrance to bad men. For the former the newspaper smooths their way and makes their road level before them; to the latter the newspaper is a lion in the path. The people of America appreciate this to the full; there is no need of telling them any further what they know already."

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## SHOE SALE!

BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2,

And to continue for thirty days, I will make a special sale of Ladies', Men's and children's Shoes at greatly reduced prices. My stock is too heavy for this season's short crop, and rather than carry them over I have made this great cut price offer for a limited time.

Come early and snap up these bargains.....

Remember the largest stock of new shoes in Madison to select from.....

.....Yours Respectfully,.....

W. S. OVERSTREET.

## VALUABLE

Place For sale!

8 1/2 acres—3 Acres Lake Front.

40 res in Corporate Limits of Madison.

The lot of B. F. Moseley, situated on the crest of a hill overlooking a beautiful fresh water lake, around which is an excellent drive, is offered for sale.

There are 8 1/2 acres of land in the tract, 40 acres of which are within the corporate limits of the Town of Madison. The dwelling contains 5 rooms, is in good repair and is furnished with all necessary outbuildings. 53 acres of cleared land on which fine crops of Sea Island Cotton and Corn were made last year. The remaining 30 acres woodland.

The dwelling is within 300 yards of the Valdosta Southern Railway Depot and is reached through a fine avenue of oaks.

On the lot are 200 pecan trees, only a few now bearing the product of which is from \$125 to \$150 per year. The entire 8 1/2 acres under good fence.

The land front of the house can be subdivided into residence lots overlooking the lake and town.

About 1/4 mile from St. Johns Seminary.

The beautiful and valuable place will be sold cheap to cash purchaser. Title perfect.

For further particulars call on or address the owner.

B. F. MOSELEY,

MADISON, FLORIDA.

## COGGINS' STORE FOR BARGAINS!

I PICKED up in the great bankrupt sales some extra values and bargains in Broadcloths, Venetian Cloth, Serges, Whip Cords, Henriettas, Brocades, Repellents, French Waist Flanne Fancy Flannels, Gents', Ladies' and Children's Underv, Cloaks, Capes, Skirts and hundreds of other things that are eye openers and will save the dear old farmers money.

I will soon open up my Plaut & Marks line of Fine Shoes for ladies and the Portsmouth line for children.

In order to make room for this large line I will sell for the month of October only 200 pairs Ladies' Shoes from 25 to 99 cents per pair, 100 pairs Misses' Spring Heel from 25 to 99 cents. Men's Shoes from 69 cents to \$1.15. These are bargains unheard of in the Shoe Trade in Madison.

### REMEMBER

I give to each purchaser of \$10.00 worth of goods a Cape. To \$15.00 purchaser a Plush Cape. \$20.00 purchaser a Jacket.

Messrs. Bunt, Bryan and old "Cracker Jack" will take pleasure in saving you the great bargains and dollar savers I am offering. I farmed for half my life. If there is one thing more on earth I love better it is the eagle bird. Bring him to roost with the man who makes the prices for the Farmer's shoe shop.

P. S. COGGINS.

## BRING ME YOUR COTTON

Having bought a ginnery operated by Mrs. C. O. Moy, have had it thoroughly overhauled and put in first-class condition.

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-COTTON-

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